

REMARKS

By this Amendment, a replacement drawing for Figure 2 is submitted to correct the deficiency noted by the Office Action and overcome the corresponding objection.

Applicant acknowledges the recognition that claims 4, 9 and 14 include allowable subject matter; however, Applicant delays rewriting those claims in independent format at this time provide the Office Action with the opportunity to fully reconsider the patentability of the rejected independent base claims.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Keisala (U.S. 6,714,609), claims 2, 7 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keisala in view of Dent et al. (U.S. 5,841,816; hereafter "Dent"), claims 3, 8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keisala in view of Tajiri et al. (U.S. 5,946,359; hereafter "Tajiri"), and claims 5, 10 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Keisala in view of Koch (U.S. 5,199,047).

Applicant submits the attached Certified English Language Translation for the Priority Document, FI 19991696, which perfects the priority date of August 10, 1999. That priority date, now available to the present application is earlier then the effective date for Keisala, December 28, 1999. Therefore, Keisala is not prior art.

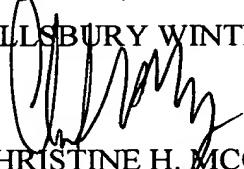
Accordingly, 102 rejection based on Keisala is traversed on that ground. Additionally, the 103 rejections based in part on Keisala are traversed because the remaining cited prior art references, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose teach or suggest the features of the rejected claims. Therefore, all pending claims are allowable over the cited prior art.

All rejections and objections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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